

I received funds to organize an old fair housing group called a Community Housing Resource Board in my area (CHRB) through HUD funds, trying to remind realtors of the rules was always painful, not that I thought any were being discriminatory, they just thought it was a waste of time. The biggest WASTE of time for me is making local government employees and/or grant recipients do quarterly activities during a grant promoting fair housing. Waste of money and time for repeated activities. If the community/City never had promoted the law and or rarely did it fine, maybe once a year and brochures should suffice. I also have been on receiving end of a client who made a ridiculous claim of race/sex discrimination and felt the agencies handling the investigation were rude. For someone to claim my agency had discriminated against a black female was ludicrous, the time spent digging through 20+ years of files when the predominant type individual helped has been black females was ludicrous. Do I think individuals should receive respect and equal opportunity-heavens yes, do I think people everywhere are treated equally, heavens no and that is unfortunate but I don't feel just having the laws in place helps or hurts the situation. I really don't know the answer to help you with the survey.

I see Fair Housing and Affordable Housing as intractably woven together. How can you say you have fair housing, if you have no housing choices?

I think that the fair housing laws should be explain to people in common language.

I would this Analysis will result in a real commitment and more outreach, education, advocacy.

I'm a builder of affordable housing, but I'm not knowledgeable about these types of issues. I'm afraid I'm not much help.

I'm afraid I haven't been of much help. My ignorance of particulars prevents me from doing so.

I'm glad you are doing this survey. In there is far too much disparity in housing opportunities, often based on a protected class (or more than one).

Inclusionary zoning would assure mixed income housing that protects all income levels from unequal education, jobs and economic opportunity

Just like mystery shoppers, it would be nice to know how I did if I was to be tested during a call or walk in by a tester afterwards. That way I can feel good about doing a good job and knowing that I have been tested even though I didn't realize it at the time. Give us a grade when we do good not just when someone does bad.

Less bureaucracy in attaining local grants to help homeless people

Living in tax credit building for People with disabilities I am pleased with the location etc. They have rules that are much more restrictive House Rules that I have never had to deal with living in apartments for 40 years. There are excessive inspections by the property manager that I consider to be a violation of my privacy. The inspector from the housing authority comes once a year. That is fine with me. But 3 month an inspection by management is excessive. In my thoughts, why not just do closer monitoring who have been turned in by the Housing inspector as living in unhealthy circumstances ir house keeping etc. They are so scared of being discriminatory if one or two have damaged their property then all have to be inspected. I resent some of the excessive rules and the excessive inspections by management. Do I need to be subjected to this? Also they allowed pets and one did not do as should for caring for his very large dog. Now nobody can have pets.

Many of the people we work with struggle with securing affordable housing that is also safe and accessible. Being close to bus lines would also be helpful.

More than 50% of my time is spent daily dealing w/fair housing complaints (the only staff person). There is a tremendous need to raise awareness and to educate citizens/landlords and property managers about their rights and responsibilities.

My co-worker recently looked for an apartment and was told other people could not come to her home to babysit if she rented this apartment. It was also suggested that perhaps she did not need clean carpet because she has small children. A few years ago I was told a place was no longer available once the landlord saw me. My husband was told he could not look at a home because he looked like he didn't make enough money.

my experience reveals that housing initiatives are a very important and active interest / pursuit to the public policy and practices in NC. I don't personally know the details but i see the various projects, monies and forums created to address housing needs on all levels in NC. I don't sense that the homeless or high risk for homeless, in NC, are under represented on any level of public / government decision making. Those with more personal exposure that i have can better speak to the adequacies of affordable housing in NC because adequacy of what we have to offer is relative to what is / was available each time allocations / distributions are awarded or decided.

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NC Human Relations Commission needs to update their brochures, posters, in English and Spanish with correct phone numbers, etc., and have them available immediately for mailing/distributing upon request.

Need community workshops on Fair Housing Laws - encourage tenants to attend.

Need workshops to train local officials and administrators on the finer points of the law. Also, need better network of county human relations with local officials. Also, need fresh new outreach ideas.

None!

Not all disabled persons are disabled, they claim they are, they just want some one to "take care of them", so until they and some of the government workers get honest nothing will be "right".

Once we are further along in the program I'm sure alot of this will become more clear and I likely could provide better feedback.